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MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Notice was given that, pursuant to Sec. 6-20-2 of the *City of Stamford Charter*, Chairman Richard Freedman and Vice-Chair Mary Lou T. Rinaldi called for a special meeting of the Board of Finance on **Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Richard Freedman at 7:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chair Richard Freedman

1. PROGRESS ON NEGOTIATIONS OF ALTERNATE SCHOOL SITES

A motion was made by Dudley Williams, second by Mary Lou Rinaldi to enter executive session to discuss this matter and passed unanimously 5-0-0 (Salvatore Gabriele was absent at the time of the vote but arrived at 7:07 p.m. during executive session.)

The Board came out of executive session at 8:02 p.m. on a motion made by Dudley Williams, seconded by Mary Lou Rinaldi which passed unanimously 6-0-0.

Board Chair Richard Freedman said no decisions were made.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mr. Freedman asked if there were any members of the public who wished to address the Board. Mr. Chris Woodside spoke of his concerns relating to Item 2 of the agenda.

At this point in the meeting, Board Chair Richard Freedman asked that the members take Item 3 out of order and hear it next. Items are listed in the order they were heard.

2. MOLD TASK FORCE UPDATE – (Agenda Item 3)

Director of Administration Michael Handler provided an update on this matter. A decision to further discuss this item at the March 14, 2019 Audit Committee meeting was made. *Please refer to the attached video for this update.*

3. SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – MOLD REMEDIATION (Agenda Item 2)

This was a request for a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$702,593 to pay for mold remediation costs incurred before the formation of the Mold Task Force on October 29, 2018. Earl Kim, Board of Education Superintendent; Clarence Zachery, Chief Fiscal and Operations Support Officer; and Hugh Murphy, Director of Finance, Board of Education were present. Following a lengthy discussion, Richard Freedman made a motion that the Board of Finance approve an appropriation with a 10% reduction, second by David Kooris. Before a vote on this motion and following further discussion, Mr. Freedman withdrew the motion. The Board then placed this item on hold until the next regular meeting of the Board of Finance, scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2019, when the Board of Education could present further information and documentation.

On a motion by Dudley Williams, second by Mary Lou Rinaldi, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

[This meeting is on video.](#)

The meeting was held at the Stamford Government Center
Board of Finance Meeting Room, 4th Floor
888 Washington Boulevard

Richard Freedman, Chair

Mary Lou T. Rinaldi, Vice Chair

cc: Mayor David Martin
Michael Handler, Director of Administration
Kathryn Emmett, Director of Legal Affairs
Jay Fountain, Director of OPM
Mark McGrath, Director of Operations
Earl Kim, Superintendent of Schools
Andy George, President, Board of Education

David Yanik, Controller
Karen Vitali, Assistant Controller
Erik Larson, Purchasing Manager
Lou Casolo, City Engineer
Lyda Ruijter, City and Town Clerk
Matthew Quinones, President, Board of
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